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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN SUPPORTS TURKISH CYPRUS POLICY
SUMMARY: PAKISTAN HAS ASSURED TURKEY OF FULL SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY IN CYPRUS DISPUTE. BHUTTO HAS OFFERED VOLUNTEERS IF NEEDED BY TURKEY, AND PAKISTAN IS APPARENTLY PLANNING TO SEND MEDICAL TEAM AND PLANELOAD MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO TURKEY. GOP OFFICIALS BLAME CRISIS ENTIRELY ON GREECE, SAY TURKS HAD NO ALTERNATIVE BUT INTERVENTION. END SUMMARY.

1. PRIMIN BHUTTO, IN JULY 21 PUBLIC STATEMENT, APPEALED TO PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN TO DEMONSTRATE SUPPORT FOR TURKEY. PRIMIN DECLARED THAT GOP "CANNOT.....ALLOW ITSELF TO BE PASSIVE OR INDIFFERENT TO TURKEY'S NEED FOR FRATERNAL SUPPORT". TURKEY, HE SAID, COULD COUNT ON PAKISTAN'S FULL UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT. "IF THE NEED ARISES, VOLUNTEERS WILL BE READY TO PROVIDE WHATEVER HELP IS ASKED FOR IN WHATEVER WAY BY THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT". BHUTTO CHARGED THAT ACTION IN CYPRUS WAS FORCED ON TURKEY BY "IRRESPONSIBLE FASCIST CLIQUE" WHICH VIOLATED INTERNATIONAL TREATIES GUARANTEEING INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS.

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2. PRIMIN BHUTTO HAD EARLIER SENT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRIMIN ECEVIT, CONVEYED THROUGH TURKISH AMBASSADOR ERNER ON JULY 20: "PAKISTAN STANDS BY TURKEY IN ITS DECISION TO FULFILL ITS OBLIGATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 1959 AGREEMENTS AND RENDER ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES". ERNER, WHO WAS FLOWN IN SPECIAL PLANE TO BHUTTO HOME AT LARKANA 520 MILES FROM ISLAMABAD JULY 21 TO BRIEF BHUTTO ON SITUATION, PUBLICLY EXPRESSED TURKISH GRATITUDE FOR GOP SUPPORT.

3. PAK AIRCRAFT CARRYING MEDICAL TEAM OF ABOUT 20 MEN, MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND BLANKETS, REPORTEDLY IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE PAKISTAN FOR TURKEY JULY 22. PRESS HAS QUOTED OFFICIAL SOURCES AS SAYING MORE ASSISTANCE WILL BE SENT WHEN REQUIRED.

4. PRESS HAS HEADLINE VERNACULAR AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRESS EDITORIALS HAVE DENOUNCED "JUNTA IN ATHENS" CALLED TURKEY'S NEED TO INTERVENE "CLEAR AND INESCAPABLE" AND AS "PREDICTABLE AND INEVITABLE CONSEQUENCE OF.....PUTSCH ENGINEERED.....IN ATHENS".

5. IN PRIVATE COMMENTS TO EMBOFFS, PAK OFFICIALS AND BUSINESSMEN HAVE BEEN UNANIMOUS IN DONDEMNING GREECE FOR PRECIPITATING CRISIS AND ABSOLVING TURKEY OF ANY SHARE OF BLAME. PREVALENT RATIONALE IS THAT TURKS HAD NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO MOUNT SPEEDY INVASION OF CYPRUS BECAUSE ANY DELAY WOULD HAVE ENABLED SAMPSON GOVERNMENT TO SOLIDITY ITS CONTROL AND LED TO INCREASED OUTSIDE PRESSURE ON TURKEY TO REFRAIN FROM INTERVENTION.
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